

Newsletter

Student Parents Educators Business and Industry Labor

Welcome

Welcome to another exciting year of the Yuba Community College District (YCCD) Tech Prep Program. Changes have occurred that will make it even easier to earn college credits. The credit by examination criteria allows students to receive instant credit once the requirements are met. Freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors and adults enrolled in articulated courses are eligible to receive YCCD credit for coursework completed at the high school/Regional Occupational Program (ROP) level.

Enrolling in the Tech Prep Program is as simple as attending a presentation and completing a YCCD Tech Prep Student Enrollment form. Once that's done, complete the articulated high school/ROP course with a 'B' or better and meet the credit by examination criteria, as stipulated in the articulation agreement. The credit will be placed on your permanent YCCD transcript.

Tech Prep Feature

Who Wins?

Everyone!*

Tech Prep is a "win-win" experience.

STUDENTS WIN

■ They develop sound basic skills and knowledge in a first-rate technical education, with competence and confidence to be able to cope with a fast-changing world.

PARENTS WIN

■ Tech Prep is a path to college where students can earn college credit for work they complete in high school.

EMPLOYERS WIN

■ They obtain better educated workers than ever before, and skilled worker shortages will be a thing of the past.

HIGH SCHOOLS WIN

■ More students stay in school to complete their high school education, and more students find satisfaction in their studies.

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YCCD Tech Prep Articulation Agreement Process

What is Tech Prep articulation agreement? It is a contract between an area high school/Regional Occupational Program (HS/ROP) and the community college. To accomplish an articulation agreement the following steps are required:

- ✓ Request to articulate submitted by HS/ROP instructor
- ✓ Request to articulate is forwarded to YCCD faculty
- ✓ Request to articulate is reviewed
- ✓ YCCD faculty decide status of agreement: approved, pending, or denied
- ✓ Agreements are returned to Tech Prep Office
- ✓ HS/ROP instructor is informed of the decision

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**COLLEGES/
POSTSECONDARY
PROGRAMS WIN**

■ Entering students are better prepared, and more high school graduates go on to advanced education and training.

**COMMUNITIES AND
STATES WIN**

■ Education is more cost-effective and the economic climate improves with the quality of the workforce.

AMERICA WINS

■ A world-class workforce that will outwork, outproduce and outsmart the competition. The greatest resource in our nation - our human resource - will be more fully developed than ever before in our history.

*Adapted from Indiana Department of Workforce Development School's Over brochure.

**Chamber of Commerce
Offers Scholarships**

The Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce is again offering a scholarship to aid local citizens who want to continue their education or training.

“The scholarship program is designed for those interested in working, living and going to school in the Yuba-Sutter area,” explained Linda Montenegro, chairwoman of the Chamber of Commerce. “The employment needs of the community were also taken into consideration when developing the workforce awards.”

Known this year as the Workforce Development Awards, formerly the Career and Technical Education Scholarship Awards, it will offer funds to anyone within the Yuba-Sutter area, not just graduating seniors, to be split among seven categories. The amount is at its highest to date: \$23,000.

Jami Marros, a Chamber board member, said all of the money comes from local businesses that want the students to have continuing education or training that will help them develop a commitment to the local business community.

“There are two levels of screening; the paper or application screening in which we narrow it down to three of the top candidates,” she explained. “After that, we have industry-level judges decide how the money will be allocated.”

Earn College Credit

Enroll in the Tech Prep Program this Fall. Don't miss your chance to earn free college credit!

The final three in each category will receive money, but the amount will be determined by each industry category's representative and the amount they have available. Twenty-five local businesses donated to the scholarship fund, Marros said.

Application material is normally available beginning in February, due mid-April, and awarded in May.

For more information, call the Chamber at 743-6501. Applications are available at local high schools and at the Chamber of Commerce, 429 10th St., Marysville.

Story taken from the 'Education' section of the Appeal Democrat, March 21, 2007.



Tech Prep Middle School Project



Bill Steen, Automotive professor, explains the equipment used to test engines during class.

The 2006-2007 Tech Prep Middle School Project welcomed 8th graders to explore career opportunities. Servicing Gray Avenue and Yuba Gardens Middle Schools 78 students discovered the possibilities of what they may achieve. In the initial phase, students completed a self-assessment which targeted personality types, personal interests, and competencies. Next, the students researched occupations and were divided into groups to complete an activity based on the career assessment results. During the activity, the group discussed their personality characteristics, listed them on the board, and discussed occupations they felt best matched their personalities. The students reported the results to the classroom.



Scott Snelgrove, Information Technology, showcases the computer laboratory.

Reinforcement of career exploration was continued through a field trip to Yuba College. During the trip, students learned about career technical education majors. Yuba College professors who teach articulated Tech Prep courses showcased their programs. The students visited the following departments: Welding, Automotive, Veterinary Technology, Nursing, Photography, Information Technology, Library, Media Center, and Music. Students participated in classroom discussions, talked to professors and college students, in addition to observing classroom demonstrations. Students took advantage of the Yuba College Career Fair, posing questions to local business employers. Additionally, students received a tour of college services such as Financial Aid, Counseling, Registration, and Campus Life. At the end of the visit, students received materials, including bags from the counseling department, and a Tech Prep packet, which included information about career pathways.



An art student shows students the matting machine used in the Photography Department.



Automotive student discusses her experiences while attaining an automotive certification.

The final phase of the Middle School Project allowed students to complete program evaluations. In addition, students were awarded Certificates of Participation. The program evaluations provided Yuba Community College District faculty and staff positive comments and suggestions to improve the project.

Through the SB 70 Career Technical Education grant, the Tech Prep Middle School Project will be expanded during the 2007-2008 academic year, to include Alicia Intermediate, Johnson, Oak Hill, Andros Kaperos Middle Schools, as well as Gray Avenue and Yuba Gardens Middle Schools.



Dan Turner, Welding Instructor, demonstrates welding practices.



MSP students observe Vet Tech students during Physiology / Anatomy class.



Rita Montejano explains the requirements for the Nursing Program.

Autumn Word Search



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MIGRATION
ORANGE
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Sudoku Puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.

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